

Three Often-Confused Boletes

CHARACTER	<i>bicolor</i>	<i>pseudosensibilis</i>	<i>sensibilis</i>
STEM COLOR	red except for apex	yellow, developing red over bottom half	yellow, developing red over bottom half
TUBE LAYER	shallow	shallow	normal
MATURE PORE SURFACE	olive yellow	olive yellow	orangish-brownish
STEM SURFACE BRUISING	absent to moderate, inconsistent	moderate, consistent	intense, consistent
FLESH BRUISING	faint to moderate, erratic, inconsistent	faint young, moderate at maturity	intense, consistent
CAP SURFACE BRUISING	almost never	rare, and then grayish	intense, consistent
ODOR	not distinctive, or curry-like	not distinctive	not distinctive, or curry-like
CAP COLOR	bright red to brick red (rarely yellow)	reddish brown, sometimes red	orangish red to pinkish red
AMMONIA ON CAP	negative	flashing green/blue	negative
SPORES	9–11 × 3.5–5	9–12.5 × 3.5–4.5	10–15 × 4–5
PILEIPELLIS	Collapsing trichoderm, some elements becoming cystidioid	Collapsing trichoderm, elements becoming short-septate	Collapsing trichoderm, end cells tubular

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